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Mr. Mike Johanns, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
14th Street and Independence Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns:

In recent weeks, my office has received requests for a Natural Disaster Determination (NDD) by the US Secretary of Agriculture from board of commissioners of the following counties that have experienced the following events in the previous 90 days, which may be ongoing:

Sheridan
Drought
Excessive Heat

Golden Valley
Drought
Excessive Heat
Strong Winds

Sweet Grass
Drought
Excessive Heat

Blaine
Drought
Excessive Heat
Strong Winds
Hail
Fire

Yellowstone
Drought
Fire
Excessive Heat

Daniels
Drought
Fire
Hail

Severe Storms
Strong Winds
Tornado

Dawson
Drought
Fire
Hail
Late Frost

Severe Storms
Excessive Heat
Strong Winds

A copy of this letter will be sent to the State Farm Service Agency office so they may begin to compile the necessary damage assessment information. Your prompt review and approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

cc: Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger
Nancy Peterson, Department of Agriculture
General Randall Mosley, Department of Military Affairs
Dave Maser, Disaster & Emergency Services
Randy Johnson, Farm Services Agency
Jesse Aber, Department of Natural Resource & Conservation